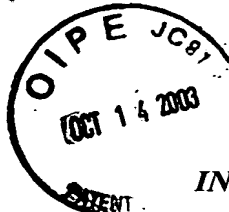


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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of each foreign-language document is described in the attached English-language abstract, is presumed as a result of the foreign-language document being identified in a foreign search directed to the general subject matter of the present application, and/or is apparent from the figures of the reference. An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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